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1. DR. KISSINGER' S ATLANTIC CHARTER ADDRESS COVERED BY " DIE PRESSE" OF APRIL 24 (TOP STORY) AND MOST PAPERS OF APRIL 25. FOUR EDITORIALS AND TWO COMMENTARIES BY US CORRESPONDENTS THUS FAR.

2. MASS- CIRCULATION TABLOID " KRONEN- ZEITUNG" EDITORIALLY WELCOMED " NIXON' S EUROPE PLAN", SAYING " AMERICAN INITIATIVE CAME JUST IN TIME" AND " BEARING IN MIND ADVANTAGES, PRICE (CHARGED BY US) SEEMS REASONABLE". INDEPENDENT " KURIER" SAW " MARITAL CRISIS", WARNED AGAINST DIVORCE AND PREDICTED " ANOTHER ATLANTIC PACT WILL BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO CONCLUDE THAN PRVIOUS ONE". GRAZ SOCIALIST " NEUE ZEIT" RESENTED KISSINGER' S ALLEGED USING US MILITARY PRESENCE ISSUE TO PUT EUROPE UNDER PRESSURE IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, BUT PAPER CONCEDED THAT EUROPE MUST PAY ADEQUATELY FOR US DEFENSE CONTRIBUTION. PEOPLE' S PARTY " VOLKSBLATT" MAINTAINED " EUROPE CAN RELY ON ITSELF IN FUTURE". INDEPENDENT " DIE PRESSE' S " US CORRESPONDEDNT WARNED THAT

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AMERICA WOULD GO ISOLATIONIST IF EUROPE DOES NOT MEET HER
HALFWAY ON ISSUES OF PARTNERSHIP, BURDEN- SHARING, AND FAIR
ECONOMIC POLICIES. US CORRESPONDENT OF LINZ INDEPENDENT
" OBEROESTERREICHISCHE NACHRICHTEN" SAW CHANCE FOR WESTERN
EUROPE
TO BECOME GENUINE PARTNER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ DR.
KISSINGER' S REMARKS IN DETAIL, RUDOLF STEINER, HEAD OF THE
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AT FONOFF, TOLD EMBOFF ON APRIL 24 THAT HE
WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED THAT USG DOES NOT INTEND UNILATERAL
REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE. STEINER EMPHASIZED THAT " BALANCE
OF POWER" CONCEPT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO AUSTRIAN NATIONAL
SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE OF US COMMITMENT TO NATO IS, THEREFORE,
OF FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST TO GOA. END CONFIDENTIAL. HUMES

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